



SLAINS AND COLLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting on 1st April 2009

Present: Chairperson: Rachel Hitchcock, Secretary: Sally Sheehan, Treasurer: Huib Attema, Julie Swan, Sarah Gosden, Trish Cowie, Roger Berl, Gill Moir, Sheena Junor, Cllr Isobel Davidson, Cllr Debra Storr, Cllr Rob Merson.

In attendance: Reverend Steve Emery

Apologies: Niki Tait, Ewan Cowie, Nora Harper, Sean Earlam, George Jamieson

Subject		Action
Approve minutes	Approve minutes of 11 th March 2009 Proposed: Sheena Junor Seconded: Trish Cowie.	
Date of next meeting	13 th May 2009	
Matters arising	<p>Slains Estate lease Cransdale car park to Aberdeenshire council for a peppercorn rent. Sarah is to keep us informed if there is any change in this arrangement.</p> <p>As the parent forum was due the community council less than £3 for alcohol used from cupboard, it was agreed that repayment was not necessary.</p> <p>Three wheelbarrows have been purchased for use during work parties, pier maintenance etc.</p> <p>Cllr: Rob Merson informed us that, as the council still have some work to do at the crossroads, there may be available funding for a footpath to the new bus shelters.</p>	
Secretary's Report	<p>Bobby the play bus has been booked for the under fives for Gala day.</p> <p>Red cross have been booked to provide first-aid cover on Gala day.</p>	

	<p>Sally is to forward the following e-mails to all members of community council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) E-mail from Keith Newton(Area manager) regarding consultation about community council code of conduct. b) Walking and cycling action plan. c) Carbon footprint reduction project. <p>Insurance policy required additional premium of £54.60.</p> <p>Weekly planning list:</p> <p>Mr and Mrs Jones: Moss Farm Leask conversion of Steading to form dwelling house.</p> <p>Mrs R. Walker: Alterations and extension to 7 Hightown, Collieston.</p> <p>Mr and Mrs Crighton: erection of a garage at 3 Coastguard cottages.</p> <p>Ms S. Gosden and Mr D. Huston: Alterations to dwelling house at 8 Lowtown Collieston.</p> <p>It was noted that although the garage erection stated that it was at 3 Coastguard cottages, the site was actually behind the bus shelter.</p> <p>The Community council decided not to object to any of the plans, but we were reminded that individuals have the right to object to any plans.</p>	
Village Shop	<p>The Community council received 40 returned questionnaires. It was decided hold a meeting on Wednesday 22nd April to invite interested parties to discuss the possibility of keeping the shop open.</p>	
Treasurer's Report	<p>The bank has not transferred the money from the old account to our new account, despite a letter being sent on 11th February 2009 . We appear to only have £248.00 in the account at present, although the true balance is much</p>	

Pier sub-group	higher.	
	<p>Andrew Couper has been in contact with Arch Henderson, but to date there is still no survey.</p> <p>The proceeds from the successful film night are to go to the pier fund.</p>	
Village warden	<p>Date of next work party 18th April 2009</p> <p>Main paths, ladies steps and Braehead steps need cut out and gravelled. Some new steps need to be made on Braehead.</p> <p>Notice Board at Hightown in need of repair.</p> <p>D.Bruce has repaired fence at ladies steps and painted swings, benches and seats in play park.</p>	
SNH	<p>Sarah as our representative at SNH meetings informed us that Forvie Nature Reserve is to celebrate 50 years.</p> <p>Quotes for trailers £1500 plus V.A.T. It was decided to postpone a decision about the cost until we had more information about the trailers.</p> <p>It was noted that there were potholes on the road leading into the village, also beside Ogston Farm. Community councillors were advised that any potholes could be reported to the council at Roads@abdnshire.gov.uk.</p>	
Burns Supper	<p>Gill Moir asked that "Burns Supper" be put on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss where we want to hold it. Cllr Rob Merson kindly offered to help get speakers.</p>	
Swimming	<p>The Swimming sessions need an extra £103.34 funding for additional lifeguard. Council agreed to support the request.</p> <p>Rev. Steve Emery asked that he be invited to</p>	

<p>CASCT</p>	<p>our meetings as a guest, as a point of contact between the church and the community. The Kirk building is under review in 2011 and although there is a healthy congregation there is some cause for concern as to what may happen to Slains Parish Church.</p> <p>We asked CASCT to give us an update of changes that had been made to the design of the building.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elevation materials have been amended from grey facing brick to a stained timber cladding. This change was due to a significant cost saving and a general rationalization of the materials throughout. Since the last community council meeting we have spoken with local timber suppliers. This change as predicted is more sustainable. 2. General re-development of exterior works to reduce the area of hard landscaping/car parking and move landscaping works away from the edge of the slope. Not only have these items help mitigate concerns for slope stability they have also assisted in reducing the proportion of groundwork's and the associated costs incurred as a result. (This amendment has reduced the need for gabion retaining walls to the perimeter of the car parking and reduced the parking numbers from 33 to 28) 3. General redevelopment of entrance area, to provide a sheltered outdoor seating area and communal meeting point. 4. General redevelopment of site levels/landscaping to reduce the level of groundwork's and quantity of soil to be removed from the site, as part of the building works. 5. General plan amendments to reduce building footprint and incorporate natural daylight / natural ventilation throughout the building. 6. Removal of the terminology "respite accommodation" and changing it to "lettable accommodation" as advised by one of the local councillors following the business plan workshop. <p>Also note that the current site plan layout we intend to incorporate additional car parking spaces to facilitate the conditions of the current planning application/permission. We see no problem with this.</p> <p>Rachel brought the meeting to a close and thanked everyone for their attendance.</p>	
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